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SUBJECT: ENERGY: IRISH RESPONSE TO COORDINATING GROUP
TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MEMORANDUM RECEIVED FROM EMBASSY
OF IRELAND LATE MONDAY AFTERNOON. COVERING NOTE FROM
AMB. MOLLOY STATED SIMILAR NOTE BEING SENT TO AMB. OCKRENT
FROM DUBLIN.

2. BEGIN TEXT. MEMORANDUM

THE LINE BEING TAKEN BY THE IRISH GOVERNMENT IN THE AFTER-
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MATH OF THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE IS THAT THE FIRST

PRIORITY MUST BE GIVEN BY THE ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP OF TWELVE TO IMPLEMENTING THE SENTENCE IN PARAGRAPH 9 OF THE COMMUNIQUE WHICH READS: QUOTE THEY RECOGNIZED THAT THEY MAY WISH TO INVITE, AS APPROPRIATE, OTHER COUNTRIES TO JOIN WITH THEM IN THESE EFFORTS. END QUOTE

THE IRISH GOVERNMENT'S VIEW IS THAT THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES SHOULD HAVE OPEN TO THEM IMMEDIATELY THE POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATING IN THE WORK OF THE COORDINATING GROUP ESTABLISHED BY PARAGRAPH 16 OF THE COMMUNIQUE, AND IN ANY SUBSEQUENT GROUPS SET UP THEREUNDER. THESE COUNTRIES ARE: AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, FINLAND, GREECE, ICELAND, NEW ZEALAND, PORTUGAL, SPAIN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, TURKEY.

AT THE ORGANIZING MEETING OF THE ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP ON FEBRUARY 25TH, PARTICIPANTS WERE INVITED TO INDICATE BY TODAY, MONDAY, MARCH 4TH, THEIR ATTITUDE TO THE SUGGESTION THAT THREE ITEMS, VIZ.

(1) CONSERVATION AND DEMAND RESTRAINT

(2) ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES, AND,

(3) OIL SHARING

BE DEALT WITH IN THE HIGH LEVEL OIL GROUP OF THE OECD. THE IRISH GOVERNMENT AGREES THAT THESE MATTERS SHOULD BE HANDLED IN THE OECD IF AT ALL POSSIBLE BUT RESERVES ITS POSITION ON THE DESIGNATION OF THE GROUP OR COMMITTEE OF THE OECD THAT MIGHT BEST DEAL WITH THEM. THIS RESERVATION IS INFLUENCED BY TWO FACTORS. FIRSTLY, IT WOULD BE PREMATURE FOR THE EXISTING GROUP OF TWELVE STATES TO TAKE DECISIONS AS TO WHERE EXACTLY THE WORK MENTIONED ABOVE SHOULD BE HANDLED BEFORE CLARIFYING THE POSITION IN REGARD TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE COORDINATING GROUP ITSELF. THE QUESTION OF ENLARGING THE EXISTING HIGH LEVEL OIL GROUP OF THE OECD FOR SUCH STUDIES MAY, FOR EXAMPLE, ARISE IN THIS CONTEXT. SECONDLY, THE IRISH GOVERNMENT IS OF THE VIEW IN REGARD TO ITEMS 1 AND 3 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(I.E. CONSERVATION AND DEMAND RESTRAINT, AND OIL SHARING) THAT THESE MIGHT APPROPRIATELY BE DEALT WITH IN THE OIL COMMITTEE OF THE OECD RATHER THAN IN THE HIGH LEVEL OIL GROUP. KISSINGER

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